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1. [] the following gold, silver, copper, and iron mines in North Korea were not in operation:

Amsan Mine in Sunch'on-gun.

Chaeryong Mine in Chaeryong-gun (N 38-32, E 125-38) (YC-3068).

Ch'angdo Mine in Kūmhwa-gun (N 38-18, E 127-38) (CT-8140).

Ch'ongam Mine in Puryong-gun (N 41-56, E 129-25) (EB-3542).

Ch'onghak Mine in Ch'onghak-tong (N 40-51, E 128-58) (DA-9722).

Hesong Mine in Chaeryong-gun.

Ilkon Mine in Eyesan-gun (N 41-17, E 128-10) (DA-3070).

Iwon Mine in Iwon-gun (N 40-23, E 128-28) (DV-5570).

Kūmgangsa Mine in Hoeyang-gun (N 38-35, E 127-26) (CT-6471).

Musan Iron Mine (N 42-14, E 129-15) (EB-2175).

Ongjin Mine in Ongjin-gun (N 38-00, E 125-24) (YC-1108).

Opok Mine near Wōnp'yōng-dong (N 40-52, E 129-12) (EA-1724).

Sampo Mine in Kūmch'on-gun (N 38-21, E 126-46) (CT-0547).

Sangsong Mine in Chaeryong-gun.

Sinch'on Mine near Sinch'on (N 38-21, E 125-30) (YC-1847).

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Sinp'ung Mine in Tanch'ŏn-gun (N 40-26, E 128-51) (DV-8775).

Sunghwa Mine in Sunch'ŏn-gun (N 39-16, E 125-54) (YD-5050).

Sutong Mine in Kowŏn-gun (N 39-21, E 126-44) (OU-0558).

Taeryŏng Mine in Anbyŏn-gun (N 38-55, E 127-24) (CU-6108).

Tanch'ŏn Mine in Tanch'ŏn-gun.

Tongpang Mine in Kanggye-gun (N 40-34, E 126-23) (BV-7993).

Yongun Mine in Chŏpch'ŏn-gun.

Yongyu Mine near P'yŏngwon IN 40-37, E 126-50) (CV-1798).

25X1 2. [] the following mines were the only coal mines under the Ministry of Heavy Industry which were in operation:

Aoji Coal Mine (N 42-31, E 130-21) (FC-1108).

Kokanwŏn Coal Mine at EC-999207 near Yongnam-dong (N 42-38, E 130-12) (EC-9820).

Sadong Coal Mine near Sadong (N 39-01, E 125-49) (YD-4422).

Samsin Coal Mine near Samsin-dong (N 39-03, E 125-51) (YD-4726).

Sinyuson Coal Mine near Hubyŏn-dong (N 42-35, E 129-39) (EB-5396).

The Sadong and Samsin mines were not in full production but were producing enough coal to heat government offices and homes of high officials in the P'yongyang area. []

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3. [] the Chonch'ang Gold and Silver Mine office was at XE-855902 in Ch'angsŏng-gun (N 40-32, E 125-08) (XE-8189). The mine employed 200 laborers, and the head of the mine was KIM Tok-ch'ang (6855/1795/2490) []. The processed ores were transported to Sinuiju by truck. Power for the mine was supplied by the Sup'ung (N 40-27, E 124-57) (XE-6579) hydro-electric power station.

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4. [] the Chungdae-ri Coal Mine was at XE-623616 in Oksang-myŏn (N 40-16, E 124-53) (XE-6059). The mine employed 450 laborers and produced gold and silver along with coal. The processed ores were transported to Sinuiju by truck, and thence forwarded to the Soviet Union by rail. Power for the mine was supplied by the Sup'ung hydro-electric power station.

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5. [] the Sinyon Gold and Silver Mine was at XE-715754 near Yŏnp'yong-dong (N 40-25, E 125-02) (XE-7276). The mine employed 500 laborers. Power was supplied by the Sup'ung hydro-electric power station, and processed ores were sent to Sinuiju where they were forwarded to the Soviet Union. The manager of the mine was CHŎNG Hak-pong (6774/1331/7685) [].

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Construction of a new ore processing plant was to be completed by 31 March 1953.

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